

extension to the entire Weight and Measure System, both here and in Great Britain, highly desirable; but such extension is not contemplated in the present prayer of your Memorialists, which limits itself to what is easily practicable and is in the direct line of farther improvement.

In view of what has been said, then, and of the great convenience that citizens of the two countries will find when the coins of each pass in the other with the same facility as ours now do, between the different and distant States of this Union;—of the great economy of time and labour that Commerce will experience in thus getting rid of tedious calculations of conversions and exchanges,—and of the great, though silent and unpretending help that will be given to the civilization of the human race in this concession to uniformity by two great nations whose common language is already spoken over half the globe:—Your Memorialists respectfully pray that your Honourable Bodies will give to this subject a wise and favourable consideration;—and by joint resolution, or otherwise, will authorize the President of the United States to enter into such correspondence with the Government of Great Britain as may secure, in a reasonable time, a proper uniformity of Coinage, in the mode that may be found most discreet and convenient.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

*Stated Meeting, March 17.*

Dr. FRANKLIN BACHE, President, in the Chair.

Present, fourteen members.

Letters were read:—

From James Paget, dated 24 Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, London, Feb. 15, 1854, acknowledging the receipt of notice of his election as a member of the Society: and—

From the Royal Academy of Sciences at Amsterdam, dated Nov. 2, 1853, returning thanks for Vol. X. Part 2, of the Transactions, and for No. 48 of the Proceedings of this Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

- Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society: Vol. XIV. No. 3. Jan. 13, 1854. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Journal of the Franklin Institute: Vol. XXVII. No. 3. March, 1854. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*
- The African Repository: Vol. XXX. No. 2. Feb. 1854. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*
- Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia: Vol. VII. No. 1. Jan. Feb. 1854. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Academy.*
- Additional Notes of a Discussion of Tidal Observations, made in connection with the Coast Survey at Cat Island, Louisiana. By Prof. A. D. Bache, Superintendent U. S. Coast Survey. (Am. Jour. Sci. and Arts. Vol. XIV.) New Haven, 1853.—*From the Author.*
- Professor Dunglison's Charge to the Graduates of Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, March 11, 1854: with a list of the Graduates. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- Eight Pamphlets, consisting of Reports, &c. illustrative of the Statistics of Population, Education, Prisons, Insanity, Insurance, &c. in Massachusetts. 8vo.—*From Dr. Edward Jarvis.*

Dr. Franklin Bache announced the decease of Gotthelf Fisher, of Moscow, a member of this Society, who died Oct. 18, 1853, aged 83.

Judge Kane called the attention of the members to the intended visit to Europe of Dr. Dunglison, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society,—and moved the following minute and resolution, which were read, considered and adopted:

It having been announced that Dr. Robley Dunglison, a Vice-President of this Society, is about to visit Europe with the purpose of making himself familiar with the Scientific and Literary Institutions of Great Britain and the nations of the Continent;—it was

*Resolved*, That Dr. Dunglison be requested to communicate, on behalf of the Society, with such of its foreign correspondents as he may have occasion to visit;—and that the Secretary be instructed to invite for him such aid as may conduce to the attainment of the object he has in view.